CLAIMS

1. A disclosing method for disclosing browsable information stored in a central apparatus in response to a request sent from a terminal apparatus connected to the central apparatus through a communication network, comprising steps of:

accepting headline information of the browsable information, authorized user information of a user authorized to browse the browsable information, and storage location information of the browsable information;

registering the accepted headline information and the authorized user information in association with the storage location information;

receiving identification information for identifying a user, which identification information is sent from the terminal apparatus to the central apparatus;

extracting the headline information and the storage location information based on the received identification information and the registered authorized user information;

generating a document containing a hyperlink made up of the extracted headline information and storage location information; and

transmitting the generated document to the terminal apparatus.

2.   The disclosing method according to claim 1, wherein:

the accepting step further accepts limitation information for limiting browsing of the browsable information according to whether the request is sent through the communication network or through an auxiliary communication network different from said communication network;

the registering step registers the accepted headline information, limitation information, and authorized user information in association with the storage location information; and

the extracting step extracts the headline information and the storage location information based on the received identification information, the registered authorized user information, and the limitation information when the request is sent through the auxiliary communication network.

3.   The disclosing method according to claim 1, wherein:

the accepting step accepts first storage location information corresponding to a case where the request is accepted through the communication network and the second storage location information corresponding to a case where the request is accepted through an auxiliary communication network different from said communication network;

the registering step registers the accepted headline information and the authorized user information items in

association with the first and the second storage location information; and

the extracting step extracts the headline information and the first storage location information, for which said first storage location information is set, based on the received identification information and the registered authorized user information when the request is sent through the communication network, and, extracts the headline information and the second storage location information, for which said second storage location information is set, based on the received identification information and the registered authorized user information when the request is sent through the auxiliary communication network.

4.   A disclosing system for disclosing browsable information, comprising:

a central apparatus in which the browsable information is stored; and

a terminal apparatus, which is connected to the central apparatus through a communication network, for sending a request to said central apparatus,

wherein the central apparatus includes a processor capable of performing operations of:

accepting headline information of the browsable information, authorized user information of a user authorized to browse the browsable information, and storage location information

of the browsable information;

registering the accepted headline information and authorized user information in association with the storage location information;

receiving identification information for identifying a user, which identification information is sent from the terminal apparatus to the central apparatus;

extracting the headline information and the storage location information based on the received identification information and the registered authorized user information;

generating a document containing a hyperlink made up of the extracted headline information and storage location information; and

transmitting the generated document to the terminal apparatus.

5. The disclosing system according to claim 4, wherein:

the accepting operation is adapted to further accept limitation information for limiting browsing of the browsable information according to whether the request is sent through the communication network or through an auxiliary communication network different from said communication network;

the registering operation is adapted to register the accepted headline information, limitation information, and authorized user information in association with the storage location information;

and

the extracting operation is adapted to extract the headline information and the storage location information based on the received identification information and the registered authorized user information and limitation information when the request is sent through the auxiliary communication network.

6.   A central apparatus, in which browsable information is stored, for disclosing said browsable information in response to a request sent from outside, comprising a processor capable of performing operations of:

accepting headline information of the browsable information, authorized user information of a user authorized to browse the browsable information, and storage location information of the browsable information;

registering the accepted headline information and authorized user information in association with the storage location information;

receiving identification information for identifying a user, which identification information is sent from outside;

extracting the headline information and the storage location information based on the received identification information and the registered authorized user information;

generating a document containing a hyperlink made up of the extracted headline information and storage location

information; and

transmitting the generated document to the outside.

7. The central apparatus according to claim 6, wherein:

the accepting step is adapted to further accept limitation information for limiting browsing of the browsable information according to whether the request from the outside is sent through the communication network or through an auxiliary communication network different from said communication network;

the registering step is adapted to register the accepted headline information, limitation information, and authorized user information in association with the storage location information; and

the extracting step is adapted to extract the headline information and the storage location information based on the received identification information, the registered authorized user information, and the limitation information when the request is sent through the auxiliary communication network.

8. A computer memory product, in which browsable information is stored and a computer program for disclosing said browsable information is recorded in response to a request sent from outside, the computer memory product comprising steps of:

causing a computer to accept headline information of the browsable information, authorized user information of a user

authorized to browse the browsable information, and storage location information of the browsable information;

causing the computer to register the accepted headline information and authorized user information in association with the storage location information;

causing the computer to receive identification information for identifying a user, the identification information is transmitted from outside;

causing the computer to extract the headline information and the storage location information based on the received identification information and the registered authorized user information;

causing the computer to generate a document containing a hyperlink made up of the extracted headline information and storage location information; and

causing the computer to transmit the generated document to the outside.

9.   The computer memory product according to claim 8, wherein:

the accepting step cause the computer to further accept limitation information for limiting browsing of the browsable information according to whether the request from the outside is sent through the communication network or through an auxiliary communication network different from said communication

network;

the registering step causes the computer to register the accepted headline information, limitation information, and authorized user information in association with the storage location information; and

the extracting step causes the computer to extract the headline information and the storage location information based on the received identification information, the registered authorized user information, and the limitation information when the request is sent through the auxiliary communication network.

10. A disclosing system for disclosing browsable information, comprising:

a central apparatus in which the browsable information is stored; and

a terminal apparatus, which is connected to the central apparatus through a communication network, for sending a request to said central apparatus,

wherein the central apparatus includes:

acceptance means for accepting headline information of the browsable information, authorized user information of a user authorized to browse the browsable information, and storage location information of the browsable information;

registration means for registering the accepted headline information and authorized user information in association with the

storage location information;

means for receiving identification information for identifying a user, which identification information is sent from the terminal apparatus to the central apparatus;

extraction means for extracting the headline information and the storage location information based on the received identification information and the registered authorized user information;

generation means for generating a document containing a hyperlink made up of the extracted headline information and storage location information; and

transmission means for transmitting the generated document to the terminal apparatus.

11. The disclosing system according to claim 10, wherein:

the acceptance means is adapted to further accept limitation information for limiting browsing of the browsable information according to whether the request is sent through the communication network or through an auxiliary communication network different from said communication network;

the registration means is adapted to register the accepted headline information, limitation information, and authorized user information in association with the storage location information; and

the extraction means is adapted to extract the headline

information and the storage location information based on the received identification information and the registered authorized user information and limitation information when the request is sent through the auxiliary communication network.

12. A central apparatus, in which browsable information is stored, for disclosing said browsable information in response to a request sent from outside, comprising:

acceptance means for accepting headline information of the browsable information, authorized user information of a user authorized to browse the browsable information, and storage location information of the browsable information;

registration means for registering the accepted headline information and authorized user information in association with the storage location information;

means for receiving identification information for identifying a user, which identification information is sent from outside;

extraction means for extracting the headline information and the storage location information based on the received identification information and the registered authorized user information;

generation means for generating a document containing a hyperlink made up of the extracted headline information and storage location information; and

transmission means for transmitting the generated document to the outside.

13.   The central apparatus according to claim 12, wherein:

the acceptance means is adapted to further accept limitation information for limiting browsing of the browsable information according to whether the request from the outside is sent through the communication network or through an auxiliary communication network different from said communication network;

the registration means is adapted to register the accepted headline information, limitation information, and authorized user information in association with the storage location information; and

the extraction means is adapted to extract the headline information and the storage location information based on the received identification information, the registered authorized user information, and the limitation information when the request is sent through the auxiliary communication network.